

## BATTLESHIP OREGON HERE FOR TWO WEEKS

### Huge Naval Vessel Anchors Off Harbor.

### Feared to Bring Vessel Through the Channel.

Had Molokai been removed from its firm foundation on the lava rock to the outer end of the channel which leads into Honolulu? No, it could not be Molokai, as that island is not fortified, and this mass sticking up out of the water seemed to be bristling with guns. It might have been a puzzle to many, but the thing that loomed up on the horizon was really the United States first class battleship Oregon, with Captain Burwell in command, and as fine a crew of five hundred men as ever manned a "ship of the line."

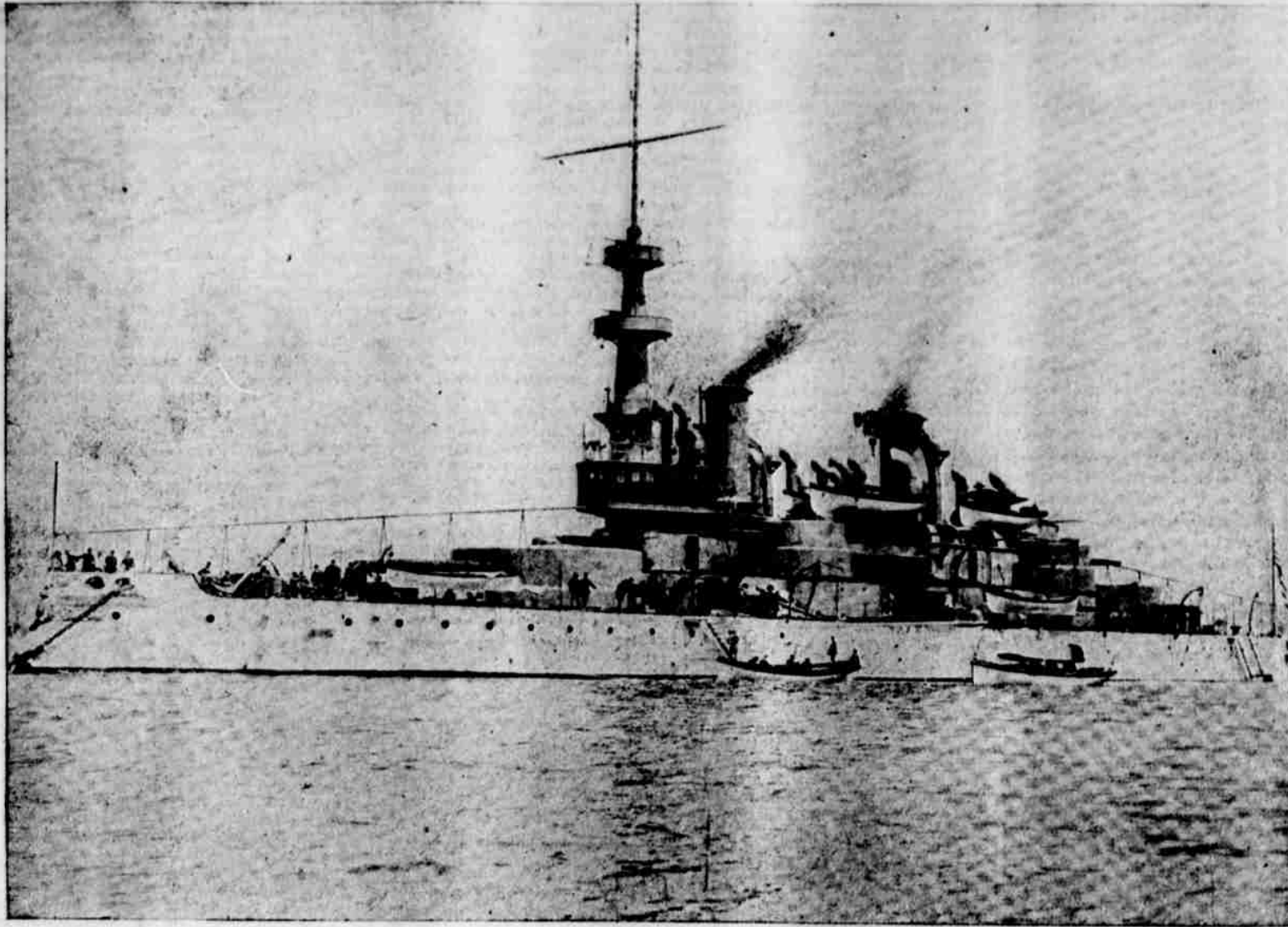
The Oregon, after a ten days' passage from San Francisco, arrived off the port about noon yesterday, but although the pilot advised the captain that the harbor would safely house the big warship, he declined to enter and brought the ship to anchor very close to the end of the channel.

Captain Burwell was in a jolly mood when a reporter boarded the warship. He said he would have liked to enter the harbor, but that his battleship was worth more than ten cents, and that he could not take any risks with her. "You see," he said, "we are so big that we are clumsy so far as small harbors are concerned. The vessel cannot be steered so easily as a cruiser like the New York. We draw twenty-eight feet of water and we are about as wide as the channel, so that it would be almost impossible for us to get in without a tug boat on either side of us, and then it would be risky. And battleships are not entering harbors like they used to. They lay outside where it is very clean, and still they strive to get as close to the port as possible. We are now closer to the landing in Honolulu than we were to those in San Francisco.

"Of course, if it is too rough to coal out here tomorrow, we may go into the harbor, but I would prefer to coal outside, for then all dust blows away quickly, and leaves the vessel in a fine state for visitors. I want Honolulu people to come out and inspect the Oregon. I've got a lot of boats and launches here, and will haul as many as I can out to see the vessel, but of course I cannot take the whole town. What I cannot take, your boats inside will bring out. We will remain here for two weeks, and there will certainly be enough fine weather so that everyone will find some opportunity to come out. And mind you—everybody is welcome.

"We did not hurry on the voyage from San Francisco. We took plenty of time and did a great deal of drilling. We are going in for a new system of drilling—that of making the objective of all drills the pointing the gun, for it's the gun that we must handle in time of difficulties."

The Oregon is now in good condition, having undergone extensive repairs at Puget Sound. But this battleship has always been in good condition and has made records for herself ever since she was launched. Her part in the Spanish-American war will be recorded in history, for she made a most exciting run around Cape Horn in order to be "in at the finish" of Admiral Cervera's fleet at Santiago. Her record is a fine one, and though she has spent over ten years in commission as a battleship, no one has come forward to say that she is worth a penny less than the \$3,222,000 the United States expended on her construction. The vessel is in fine fighting trim, and should any difficulty occur on the Asiatic station after this monster arrives there she is sure to



THE UNITED STATES FIRST CLASS BATTLESHIP OREGON.

## GOVERNOR CALLS EXTRA SESSION

Governor Dole has issued a call for an extraordinary session of the legislature, to be held beginning on November 20. The call was sent out yesterday, and the expectation is that in the face of the legal opinions which have been furnished there will be no contest over the members of the upper house who will fill the places when the session is called to order.

While the members of the body are entitled to a return of \$200 each for service at such a special session, there will be no pay for their services at once, nor will there be any payment of the bills that may be incurred, for the reason that the senate alone cannot make any appropriations for the work that it must do.

## ARE NEGRO CONVICTS DESPERATE CRIMINALS?

### Renny Says "No," But Warden Henry Declares That They Are the "Bad Men" of Oahu Prison.

Editor Advertiser:—A statement in your issue of Saturday the 8th inst. under heading "Convicts Plotted to Get Guns," first sentence, last paragraph, "That Woods, the life man, is a most desperate character no one doubts," requires correction. A large number of your readers doubt it and the writer is one of the number. I don't believe that Woods is even an ordinarily bad fellow; he is a very pleasant looking negro and so far as I can learn has never done anything desperate or deserving of the inhuman treatment he has for some time past been daily subjected to. I consider it an insult to our much boasted of twentieth century civilization, to load a human being with chains and weights, turn him out on the public highways surrounded by armed guards and compel him, loaded as he is, to do a certain amount of work. If this apparently uneducated man is deserving of so much torture for committing a very paltry crime what in the name of fortune will be done to the educated black-

The call of the Governor reads as follows:

#### PROCLAMATION.

I, Sanford B. Dole, Governor of the Territory of Hawaii, by virtue of the authority in me vested by law, hereby convene the Senate in Special Session on Thursday, the Twentieth day of November, A. D. Nineteen Hundred and Two, for the consideration of such public business as may be brought before it.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Territory of Hawaii to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol in Honolulu this Tenth day of November, A. D. 1902.

SANFORD B. DOLE.

By the Governor,  
HENRY E. COOPER,  
Secretary of the Territory.

guard who robbed the treasury a few weeks ago? Considering the source from which that "gun plot" yarn came, I am inclined to doubt the truth of it; the dash for liberty was merely an act of reckless devilry carried out without any prearranged plan by these men who are being very much over punished and who ought to be set at liberty at once and given an opportunity of becoming good citizens.

I am, dear sir,

Yours truly,  
W. C. W. RENNY.

When Warden Henry of Oahu Prison was shown the above letter yesterday he smiled. "Tell Mr. Renny," he said, "that I will consider it my duty to advise Woods that he has one staunch friend in Honolulu and that if he ever gets out of prison he can be sure of a welcome, as a guest, at the home of Mr. Renny."

"There are a lot of matters in con-

nection with the three 'bad men' we have in Oahu prison which have not come to the ears of the general public and should they know them they will probably agree with us that we really have some very desperate fellows to handle."

"It might be well to give the records, as far as we know them of the three negroes who escaped at the Makiki quarry and were later recaptured. Woods is here on a life sentence for burglary and was sentenced by a Maui judge. Before he was tried, in broad daylight, he crawled over the prison walls here like a cat and gave us a lively chase of three-quarters of an hour before we captured him. We sent him over to Maui to be sentenced and before receiving his sentence there he made a bold attempt at escape but this was frustrated by the jailer. He was brought back here and I took pity on him because of his long sentence. We treated him exceptionally well. We explained to him that good conduct would probably secure him a pardon. A short time afterwards he made a dash for liberty at Makiki. He was at large for ten days and during that time secured a revolver with which he threatened to kill the watchman out there and later he tried to murder Deputy Sheriff Chillingworth, but we got him. Of course after these three attempts at escape and the attempt at murder we had to add a ball and chain to his dress. He was always overbearing towards other prisoners and always seemed ready to kill a fellow prisoner on the slightest pretext while he has since made many threats to wipe out all of the officers of this prison. He admits having served time in the southern prisons of the United States. This latest attempt at escape showed that he was thoroughly bad and the threats he has uttered also show that he means business in case he gets a chance to kill an officer. We now have him in a darkened cell.

"So much for Woods. As to Ed. Williams—he is only a short time man and by good conduct his term would have been a very short one. Recently he seized a ten-pound sledge hammer and started to kill a fellow prisoner. He struck at his head and the man raising his arm to shield himself had it skinned in a frightful manner. Of course we have to protect our prisoners and Williams was given a ball and chain to prevent further attempts at murder of his comrades.

"Bob Williams came here with only a two-year term. By good conduct he could have reduced this considerably. We gave him easy work as a cook but at the first opportunity he got a file

### Fine Luau Planned In Honor of Winning.

### Committees Will Take Up Task of Preparing for Event.

Republican success at the polls will be celebrated by a monster luau, if the plans which have been made are carried through by the general committee. The proposals call for a great feast at some central point like the Capitol grounds at which there shall be provided a varied bill of fare for something like 5,000 people, and at which there shall be such a review of the voters by the men who won, as will show the integrity of the Republican column and outline the future course of the party.

The plans for the feast have been under way for the past week, in fact since the returns showed that Prince Kuhio was the winner of the polling. The members of the Legislature elect began the work of preparation, and their first duty was the making of an estimate of what might be done and what it should cost. The price was fixed at \$2,500 and it was decided that there should be every element of the old fashioned feast made prominent in the luau, and that in addition there should be a parade of the voters reviewed by the candidates who won.

The final meeting of the members elect held yesterday morning passed a resolution that the feast be prepared and that the central committee take charge of it and make it a success. The report set forth as well that there has been donated for the purpose of meeting the expenses \$425 and that meats for the affair had been promised to the extent of something like \$250 more. This would leave to be furnished not more than \$1,800, and it is the belief of the men interested that this could be secured within a short time.

When this report was received by the members of the central committee at the meeting last evening there was little discussion of the matter. It was the unanimous opinion that there should be some such celebration of the success of the party, and on motion a committee of which E. C. Winston is the chairman, was named for the purpose of securing the funds or at least of making at a meeting this afternoon, a report upon the practicability of carrying through the plans for the luau.

It was represented to the committee that there are several firms in the city who have in mind the tender to their employees some such feast in celebration of the victory and they will not make their feast personal but will be willing to join with the committee in some such general celebration of the victory which means so much to the Republicans and the people of the islands in general. It is said to be the intention to draw no lines in this feast but to make it one which will include everyone no matter of what party, as it is intended that the entire people shall make merry.

The intention if possible is to have the tables laid on the lawn on the makai front of the executive building. The meats will be cooked in the rear and every arrangement will be made which will mean the quick and fresh service of the people. There will be a concert by the band in the dinner hour and it is hoped that the bands from the Oregon and the New York will be kept in readiness to add to the festive occasion.

It is expected that the affair will be set for Saturday evening of this week.

#### Old Senate Fau.

The Home Rule claim that the old Senators are entitled to seats at this special session is effectually set at rest by the election certificates which these senators now hold. They were issued by High Sheriff Brown two years ago and he stated yesterday that they were dated from the day of the last election to November 4th.